Grant-in-aid libraries.

25. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of grant-in-aid libraries of the State with the amount of grant allotted for each of them during the current year?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The list is laid on the Secretary's table.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether there is any difficulty for Government in placing the list on the Secretary's table?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The list has already been placed, Sir.

Appointments in the Aluminium Factory.

26. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any control over the appointment of the staff of the Aluminium Factory at Alwaye;

(*b*) if so, to what extent; and

(*c*) whether there is any provision for the appointment of Travancoreans on the staff?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon:

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) No legal right. The Company have given an assurance that they will always give preference to Travancoreans in the matter of recruitment of labour and staff, provided candidates with suitable qualifications and experience are available. To this extent Government can exercise control over the appointments made by the Company for their factory at Alwaye.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: In answer to part (c) I find that the company have given an assurance that they will always give preference to Travancoreans in the matter of recruitment of staff etc. May I know whether it is a verbal assurance or written assurance?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: There is a written assurance.

Rural centres.

27. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table;

(*a*) a list of rural centres opened in Travancore till 1-11-1117 with reference to the taluk in which they are situated;

(*b*) the nature of the work they are doing; and

(*c*) the amount of grant-in-aid that is being given to each one of them?

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Mr. A. Gopala Menon : (*a*) Government do not directly by themselves, open rural construction centres ; where but they are opened by non-official agencies and found to be doing good work, Government assist them by means of expert departmental advice and grants. A list of such centres, as on 1-11-1117, is given below ;

	Rural Re-construction Centres.		*Taluks.*	*Grants in 1116.* Rs.
1	Neyyoor Co-operative Society No. 398	...	Kalkulam	375
2	Avasasamudayodharana Sanghom, Paraniyam	...	Neyyattinkara	75
3	Rural Reconstruction Centre, Athiyannoor	...	Do.	100
4	Harijan Colony, Varkala	...	Chirayinkil	200
5	Rural Uplift Centre, Varkala	...	Do.	55
6	Paravoor Gramodharana Co-operative Society Ltd., No. 2096	....	Quilon	150
7	Eerezha Grameena Seva Samithi	...	Mavelikara	150
8	Hindu Mission Rural Demonstration Centre, Adoor	...	Kunnathur	500
9	Rural Reconstruction Institute, Oollannoor	...	Mavelikara	375
10	Harijan Gramodharana Centre, Elanthoor	...	Pattanamtitta	150
11	Rural Reconstruction Centre, Mylapara	...	Pattanamtitta	150
12	Sir C. P. Shashtiabdhapurti Memorial Rural Reconstruction Centre, Konni	...	Do.	150
13	Rural Unit, Chirayirampu	...	Thiruvella	200
14	Rural Reconstruction Centre, Oathara	....	Do.	100
15	Hindu Mission Rural Reconstruction Centre, Vallamkulam	...	Do.	120
16	Rural Reconstruction Centre, Thottakad	....	Kottayam	150
17	Rural Uplift Centre, Kozhuvanal	...	Meenachil	150
18	Rural Reconstruction Centre, Poonjar	...	Do.	150
19	Rural Uplift Centre, Bharananganam	...	Do	75
20	Rural Reconstruction Centre, Anjanad, Marayur	...	Devicolam	125
	Total	...		3,500

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(*b*) The work of well-conducted rural reconstruction centres consists mainly of demonstration and popularisation of improved agricultural methods, cottage industries, co-operative methods, village and home sanitation, improvement of village communications, maternity and child welfare, adult eductation and the like.

(*c*) There are no fixed grants. The amount of grant awarded to each institution depends upon the nature and extent of the work done in the particular year. The grants issued in 1116 are given under (a) above.

Anchal Inspectors.

28. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the salary of Anchal Inspectors was increased or decreased during the last 10 years;

(*b*) whether their work, in view of the increased number of Anchal Offices, has not increased; and

(*c*) whether any increase was made in their consolidated T. A.?

Mr. C. Kumara Das:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Measures to ensure adequate food supply.

29. ***Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement in detail of the various measures taken by the Government to ensure adequate food supply to the people in the State?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture*): With the loss of Burma, Siam and Malaya, the question of replacing the imports of rice from those countries by other means assumed all India importance. The Government of India considered the question, and constituted Regional Price and Supply Boards. The Madras Board consists of the Madras Province, Orissa, Mysore, Coorg, Hyderabad, Travancore and Cochin. The main object of the Regional Board is to distribute evenly the surplus of rice available in various places to the nearest deficit areas on an equitable basis. Travancore and Cochin stated their requirements, and have obtained a quota of 2,20,000 tons of rice per year from the Northern Circars and Tanjore areas. The two Governments have agreed to apportion the quota on the basis of their population. All the quantity allotted is being distributed, more or less, in equated monthly instalments, and merchants in both the States are being allowed to import the stock. This arrangement has been so far found efficient and satisfactory.

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